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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Applicant : Kimura, et al.  
App. No : 09/771,043  
Filed : January 26, 2001  
For : IMMOBILIZED NUCLEIC ACID AND  
METHOD FOR DETECTING NUCLEIC  
ACID  
Examiner : Riley, Jezia  
Art Unit : 1637

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Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of U.S. Application No. 09/771,043. In response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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